

*For the week of the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 23rd, through October 30th, 2022*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — “The Humiliation and Exultation of Jesus” “How could the finite contain the infinite?” This question many have pondered. Some conclude it’s impossible. Therefore, they deny such things as Christ’s real presence in the bread and the wine at the altar. And yet, this question goes beyond the Lord’s Supper to Christ Himself. After all, the flesh and blood of Jesus contained the fullness of God, as Paul writes in Colossians 1:19. Yet in Christ, God had limited His infinite majesty into the finite body of Mary’s son. Paul writes to the Philippians, “*though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*” This humbling, or “humiliation” of Christ was necessary for our salvation. Christ chose not to make use of His divine attributes in order to dwell among us and be with us. His humiliation is why He is our great High Priest who is sympathetic to our weakness. He was so committed to this humiliation that He even allowed Himself to die in our place, for our sake. But, when His submission and our salvation was complete, God exalted Him above all other things. He descended into hell in victory, rose again in His body, and with human flesh ascended to sit at the right hand of God! Because of Christ’s willing humiliation, our flesh and blood have been exalted to sit on the throne of creation! And He promises to exalt us with Him, to bring our flesh and blood into His Kingdom to live under His gracious rule and reign. And there we will reign with Him for all eternity! Amen.

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Theme: The Second Article

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: John 3:16

For God So loved that world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Psalm 130 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below

Prayer on the Psalm:

God, our Father, who is rich in mercy and with whom is plenteous forgiveness, remember not the sins of our youth, nor our transgressions. Blot them out for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who became the sacrifice for our sins. For the sake of His crimson blood let our sins be forgotten, and let them be imputed to us no more. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	23, 24	26, 27	30, 32	33	35	37	39, 41	42, 43
Evening	25	28, 29	31	34	36	38	40	44

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Luke 18:9-17 St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Jesus and Martyr	
Monday	The Tower of Babel—Genesis 11:1-9	2 Corinthians 4:1-18
Tuesday	The Call of Abram—Genesis 12:1-20	2 Corinthians 5:1-21
Wednesday	Abram and Lot—Genesis 13:1-18	2 Corinthians 6:1-7:1
Thursday	Abram Rescues Lot and Pays a Tithe to Melchizedek—Genesis 14:8-23	2 Corinthians 7:2-16
Friday	God's Covenant with Abram—The Promise of a Son—Genesis 15:1-6 St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles	2 Corinthians 8:1-24
Saturday	Revelation 14:6-7	Romans 3:19-28

The Catechism: The Creed — The Second Article

*And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

Preschool+

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God,
begotten of the Father from eternity,
and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary,
is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,
purchased and won me from all sins,
from death, and from the power of the devil;
not with gold or silver,
but with His holy, precious blood
and with His innocent suffering and death,

First Grade+

that I may be His own
and live under Him in His kingdom
and serve Him
in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,
just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.
This is most certainly true.

Second Grade+

Daily Prayer

Select from among the following prayers:

Prayer on the Second Article:

Gracious Father, You open Your hand to satisfy the desires of every living creature and provide me with all that I need to support my body and life. I thank You for the provisions You have given me in clothing and shoes to wear, food and drink to nourish and refresh my body, a place to live, the love and companionship of family, and daily work. Give me the grace to acknowledge Your goodness and live with gratitude and contentment, confident in Your love for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and meditation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday:** *For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacrament.*
- Monday:** *For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.*
- Wednesday:** *For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday:** *For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday:** *For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

In Our Prayers this Week

Our Congregation: *Bill & Connie Miller; Curtis Miller; Nate & Becca Mingle, Ezekiel, Zoey; Steven & Debbi Neis; Dave & Kari Neiswender; Joe Oakes, Joann Oelke; Josh & Julie Ohlde, Ashlyn, Landon; David Oshel; Hunter & Emily Peoples, Luke; Bret & Claire Perry, Brooks; Dana Peterson.*

Baptismal Birthdays: *Braden Edwards; Nancy Leadbetter; Margo Hughes; Ronald Berr; Sherri Berr*

Wedding Anniversaries: *Dave & Marty Piotrowsky; Alvin & Charlotte Dehn.*

The Sick: *Thresa Scarberry; Dorothy Rodgers; Larry Hanson*

Friends of our Congregation: *Jane Gorton, Russell Niehoff, John Bohling, Virgil (friend of Thresa Scarberry).*

Our Circuit:

St. John Lutheran Church, Aliceville; Rev. Timothy Booth

Trinity Lutheran Church, Burlington; Rev. Don Haselhuhn

Our District Staff and President, *Rev. Justin Panzer.*

Heather Williams, Business Manager; Shannon Fender, Administrative Assistant

Our Synod and President, *Rev. Matthew Harrison*

Our Community: *Cities of Richmond and Princeton; USD 288*

Our State and Governor, *Laura Kelly*

Our Nation and President, *Joseph Biden*

Lord's Prayer

Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

—or—

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

Hymn of the Week

"I Know My Faith is Founded"

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1 I know my faith is founded
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing,
Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.
Our reason cannot fathom
The truth of God profound;
Who trusts in human wisdom
Relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all-sufficient,
It makes divinely sure;
And trusting in its wisdom,
My faith shall rest secure.

2 Increase my faith, dear Savior,
For Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure
And take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with You beside me,
I shall be undismayed;
And led by Your good Spirit,
I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior,
A firmer faith bestow;
Then I shall bid defiance
To ev'ry evil foe.

3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You;
Though persecution, grief, and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me,
Let me a steadfast trust retain;
And then at my departure,
Lord, take me home to You,
Your riches to inherit
As all You said holds true.
In life and death, Lord, keep me
Until Your heav'n I gain,
Where I by Your great mercy
The end of faith attain.

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Looking Forward to "Reformation Day"

October 30, 2022

Service Hymns: 837, 657, 578, 666, 655, 713, 973, 555, 941

Readings: Revelation 14:6-7 | Psalm 46 | Romans 3:19-28 | John 8:31-36

"Wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His kingdom and "remain in the house forever" (John 8:35). For He is "a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel "to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people" (Rev. 14:6), "the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law" (Rom. 3:21), "that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, "whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith" (Rom. 3:25), "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32).

